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RESPONSE NOTICE TO COMPLY AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the communication mailed March 12, 2002, kindly enter the following preliminary amendment prior to examination on the merits.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Kindly substitute the following paragraphs for the paragraphs indicated below.

Page 7, lines 12-13, insert:

In a preferred aspect of the present invention, zinc finger nucleic acid binding motifs may be represented as motifs having the following structure (SEQ ID NO.:40):

Page 8, line 20, insert:

Preferably, the linker is T-G-E-K or T-G-E-K-P (SEQ. ID NO.: 1).

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